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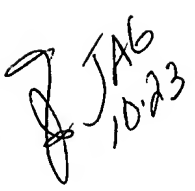
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Figure 6 shows a particular embodiment that was demonstrated by the inventors. In this embodiment, a high index difference waveguide 89 is partially (as shown in Figure 6) or wholly embedded (not shown) in the low index waveguide (coupling zone 90) and are in any event within cladding layer 82 that is over cladding layer 80. The sequence of steps as illustrated in Figures 2-A through 4-C can be applied to the processing of the combination of the coupling zone 90 and the high index difference waveguide 89.